

**Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the  
Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees**

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below:

**Courts of Appeal**

- All Courts of Appeal
- First Circuit
- Second Circuit
- Third Circuit
- Fourth Circuit
- Fifth Circuit
- Sixth Circuit
- Seventh Circuit
- Eighth Circuit
- Ninth Circuit
- Tenth Circuit
- Eleventh Circuit
- D.C. Circuit
- Federal Circuit

**Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)**

- First Circuit - BAP
- Sixth Circuit - BAP
- Eighth Circuit - BAP
- Ninth Circuit - BAP
- Tenth Circuit - BAP

**District Courts**

- All District Courts
- Alabama Middle
- Alabama Northern
- Alabama Southern
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas Eastern
- Arkansas Western
- California Central
- California Eastern
- California Northern
- California Southern
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida Middle
- Florida Northern
- Florida Southern
- Georgia Northern
- Georgia Middle
- Georgia Southern
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois Northern
- Illinois Central
- Illinois Southern
- Indiana Northern
- Indiana Southern
- Iowa Northern
- Iowa Southern
- Kansas
- Kentucky Eastern
- Kentucky Western
- Louisiana Eastern
- Louisiana Middle
- Louisiana Western
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan Eastern
- Michigan Western
- Minnesota
- Mississippi Northern
- Mississippi Southern
- Missouri Eastern
- Missouri Western
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York Eastern
- New York Northern
- New York Southern
- New York Western
- North Carolina Eastern
- North Carolina Middle
- North Carolina Western
- North Dakota
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Ohio Northern
- Ohio Southern
- Oklahoma Eastern
- Oklahoma Northern
- Oklahoma Western
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania Eastern
- Pennsylvania Middle
- Pennsylvania Western
- Puerto Rico
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee Eastern
- Tennessee Middle
- Tennessee Western
- Texas Eastern
- Texas Northern
- Texas Southern
- Texas Western
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virgin Islands
- Virginia Eastern
- Virginia Western
- Washington Eastern
- Washington Western
- West Virginia Northern
- West Virginia Southern
- Wisconsin Eastern
- Wisconsin Western
- Wyoming

## Bankruptcy Courts

All Bankruptcy Courts

<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Middle	<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Northern	<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Northern	<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Central	<input type="checkbox"/> Nevada	<input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Southern	<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Southern	<input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Northern	<input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Eastern
<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Southern	<input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Middle
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<input type="checkbox"/> California Northern	<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Western	<input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> Texas Western
<input type="checkbox"/> California Southern	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Middle	<input type="checkbox"/> Utah
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Middle	<input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Western	<input type="checkbox"/> Vermont
<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Western	<input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/> Virgin Islands
<input type="checkbox"/> Delaware	<input type="checkbox"/> Maine	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mariana Islands	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Eastern
<input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland	<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Northern	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Western
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida Middle	<input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts	<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Southern	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington Eastern
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<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Northern	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Western	<input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia Southern
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Middle	<input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Northern	<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Eastern
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Southern	<input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Southern	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Western
<input type="checkbox"/> Guam	<input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Middle	<input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Western	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Western	
<input type="checkbox"/> Idaho	<input type="checkbox"/> Montana	<input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico	

## National Courts

Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation     U.S. Court of Federal Claims     U.S. Court of International Trade

2.) I am an individual associated with Yale University

3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment.

Fee exemption is kindly requested for a research project studying linguistic patterns in federal criminal sentencing. The request is limited in scope because the only documents required to meet the needs of the research project are docket reports, sentencing memoranda, and sentencing transcripts from the previous year only. The documents would be analyzed using natural language processing methods. Success of the research hinges on a corpus of text, which would be unreasonably costly to obtain if each document required payment. The documents accessed will not be redistributed on the Internet or used for commercial purposes. The expected outcomes of the research project are several publicly available, scholarly research papers of the analysis.

4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

- a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.
- b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time: 12 months
- c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.
- d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

**Declaration:** I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement

- may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

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